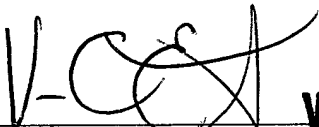


REMARKS

Upon entry of the Preliminary Amendment, claims 25 and 27 will have been amended to correct minor informalities in claim language, and claims 28-30 will have been submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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